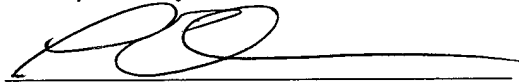


REMARKS

Claims 2-19 have been cancelled. Claims 21-38 have been amended to correct typographical errors, to clarify these claims, and to make them dependent on claim 39. Claims 39-44 have been clarified. No new matter has been added.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1 and 20-44 are pending. Applicants submit that the present application is now ready for examination on the merits. Early notice of such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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